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IN THE CLAIMS

1. - 15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) A method of producing an electronic document, comprising:

    providing, without displaying, a first text portion, the first text portion exclusive of script; and

    providing, without displaying, a first script portion, the first script portion exclusive of text, and the first script portion including at least one location dependent parameter identifier and at least one location coordinate; and

rendering the electronic document:

    wherein the first text portion comprises visible characters, the first script portion consists of invisible characters, and the at least one location parameter identifier in combination with the at least one location coordinate, directs the application of at least a subset of the first script portion to that location in the first text portion specified by the at least one location coordinate, and wherein rendering the electronic document by an application that displays the contents of a formatted file directly providing the first text portion and the first script portion to an application that lacks a capability for formatting the first text portion in accordance with the first script portion results in the display of the first text portion without the display of the script portion.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising including the first text portion and the first script portion in a single file.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, further comprising

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communicating the first text portion, and communicating the first script portion, wherein the first text portion and the first script portion are communicated separately.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[19]] 16, wherein rendering comprises displaying the first text portion without regard to the first script portion, and without displaying the first script portion.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim [[19]] 16, wherein rendering comprises formatting the first text portion in accordance with the first script portion, and without displaying the first script portion.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, further comprising replacing at least one of the visible characters of the first text portion, with one or more visible characters determined by the first script portion.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the location coordinate comprises a character position number.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein the location coordinate comprises a line number and a character position number.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein each of the at least one location dependent parameter identifiers is associated with one of the at least one

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location coordinates.

26. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 16, wherein visible characters comprise codes that when processed by a display application result in the display of characters; and wherein invisible characters comprise codes that when processed by the display application do not result in the display of characters.

27. - 33. (Cancelled)